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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Explosion of a gasoline tank in a pool room at Hot Springs, Ark., and wounded thirty men. —— President Roosevelt has received the formal proposals of the allies that he arbitrate the Venezuela dispute. —— In a fight with the town marshal at Dillsboro, N. C., three men were shot, one probably fatally. —— Venezuelan revolutionis have planned a march on Caracas. —— There is no foundation for the report that the Pope is ill. —— Laura Biggar was acquitted and Dr. C. C. Hendrick and Sam'l Stanton were convicted at Freehold, N. J., of conspiring to get possession of the estate of H. M. Bennett, of Pittsburg, Pa. —— President Roosevelt is to visit Denver in March. —— Sharkey who killed the New York banker Fish was sentenced to State's prison for ten years. —— A gigantic gas trust is the latest combine; Rockefeller is said to be in it to the amount of thirty million dollars. —— The condition of winter crops in nearly all European Russia is regarded as bad. —— Two young white men, brothers-in-law, fought a duel at Nichols, Ga.; one is dying and the other is seriously wounded. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 5@10 per cent.; cotton and rosin firm, spirits turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 29 degrees; 8 P. M., 39 degrees; maximum, 43 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees; mean, 36 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.36.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—For North Carolina: Partly cloudy Thursday. Friday fair, colder, variable winds shifting to northwest and becoming brisk.

Port Almanac—December 25.

Sun Rises	7.07 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.51 P. M.
Day's Length	9 h. 38 M.
High Water at Southport.	5.05 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	7.35 P. M.

A merry and a happy Christmas to you and to yours, and while you are merry and happy think of others who may not be blessed with as many of this world's good things as you are and do something to make them happy whether you make them merry or not.

The fad of the Queen of Italy is handkerchiefs. She takes good care of them, too, and has one which was made in her fifteenth century, valued at been $2,000 and $3,000.

The Jacksonville. Fla., *Times-Union and Citizen* has a sunshiny editorial on the "sunny side of farming." There is a good deal of sunny side to it, especially in the summer time.

Manchester, England, has developed a health society which proposes to dispense with breakfast. Later, we may have one which will dispense with dinner, and later one which will dispense with supper, and when we get them all to working living will be cheap.

The New York *Herald* figures up the debts of Venezuela at the end of 1901 at $48,611,371. Of this amount $33,855,827 is what is called the interior debt, contracted mainly as guarantees for railroads, water works, &c. This is what the racket is principally about.

The ship-owners of New Haven have sent a protest to Washington against the bill providing for the suspension of the coast navigation laws for thirty days, to permit tramp steamers to bring in coal. They don't care whether the people suffer for want of fuel or not. They are looking out for their own business and dollars.

A correspondent of the Atlanta *Constitution* says the town of Salnda, in Polk county, 2,500 feet above sea level, and heretofore a sort of Summer resort, is going to become a manufacturing town, capitalists having bought water power where the river pitches down a rocky stairway 700 feet in half a mile, which will generate electricity to carry into the town and run factories.

The New York *Commercial* doesn't think $50,000 a year is salary enough for the President of the U. S. and isn't up to the dignity of the office. But that objection is never made by the gentlemen who are anxious to serve their country. But if this isn't enough for the dignity, couldn't we manage to scuffle along with a little less dignity, much of which, when you simmer it down, is mere parade, and unmeaning parade, too.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

ALL NOW READY FOR THE ELKS' XMAS TREE.

Hundreds of Little People Eagerly Expecting Event—Gigantic and Festive Tree Has Been Put in Place.

The Christmas of 1902 will be the most generally happy Christmas that ever happened for the little folks of Wilmington. This is true from the fact that 600 little people from all over the city will assemble as guests of the Elks at the City Hall to-morrow afternoon, there to meet Santa Claus and all the good things that he proposes to have for them.

The occasion will be unique, happy and beautiful. The hall has been beautifully decorated and there has been erected the greatest Christmas tree the forests have lost this season. Great lines of tables have been constructed and these will be weighted to their capacity with scores of delicious turkeys, jams, cakes, and every thing good to tickle the appetites of little people. Old Saint Nick promises all sorts of nice gifts and proposes to be there and take a large hand in the affair himself. In fact, as a jolly saint of the children, he promises to break all previous records.

Prof. Hollowbush and his talented orchestra will furnish the jolliest music ever heard, and they promise in the music a most delightful feature of the occasion.

All members of the Ladies Committee are requested to meet at the hall promptly at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Good things for the tables must be delivered to-morrow morning between 9 and 11 o'clock.

Children with invitations must be on hand at half past one. The gallery will be reserved for the general public. Admittance at and after 2 o'clock

LOCAL DOTS.

— Last night was a Christmas eve almost absolutely devoid of rowdyism.

— Josie Drew, the white woman sentenced by the Mayor to the roads, has given her appeal bond.

— The Northern train last night, on account of the heavy holiday travel and freight, was almost five hours late.

— Policeman Croom yesterday afternoon arrested a negro, Wesley Watson, charged with stealing a coat from a Syrian.

— The tug *Alexander Jones* will probably leave Southport this morning to tow the schooner *Rebecca A. Douglas* to New York.

— At St. Matthew's English Lutheran church there will be X mas services at 11 A. M. The Ladies' Aid Society will meet the same hour.

— A competent and experienced feeder for Job Presses can secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office. Liberal wages paid.

— The mail and express were exceeding heavy yesterday and will be so to-day. For the delivery of the latter several outside wagons had to be pressed into service.

— A city cart and a trolley car collided yesterday morning on Princess street, between Third and Fourth. The cart was damaged slightly and the mule, which was attached, was bruised.

— The negro horse thief, Galloway Williams, was tried in the police court yesterday and bound over to the higher tribunal. In default of bond he was comitted to jail.

— The good work went steadily on yesterday at the register of deeds office. There were three marriage license issued, which run the number in excess of that of last December.

— Wilmington's football eleven did not go to Newbern yesterday afternoon to battle on the gridiron today. On account of the sickness of several Newbern players the game had to be called off.

— Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son yesterday cleared the British steamship *Harbart*, bound for Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of 11,906 bales of cotton. It was valued at $498,000.

— Messrs. M. W. Divine & Co. are distributing among their friends and patrons a very pretty calendar, with handsome pictures of "The Matinee Girl," "The Summer Girl," and "The Opera Girl."

— Mr. Harry Litgen requests the STAR to state that at the trial of J. E. Tyner for perjury he did not testify to having seen the defendant purchase whiskey, but simply testified as to a statement made by Tyner.

— Christmas services at St. Paul's church this morning at 11 o'clock expected to be of a very interesting character; the church has been tastefully decorated with evergreens, and an elaborate musical programme has been prepared. The offertory anthem is expected to be especially fine. The Christmas tree exercises for the Sunday school will be held on the evening of Holy Innocents' Day, Monday, Dec. 29th.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fireworks.
Masonic—Meeting Orient Lodge.
Metropolitan Ins. Co.—Statement.
Atlantic National Bank—Greetings.
Mercer, Evans & Co.—Good cheer.
Hall & Pearsall—Merry Christmas.
Atlantic Trust and Banking Co.—Solicits your account.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas heaters.

TRIP TO OLD OCEAN.

Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.'s Delightful Treat Yesterday.

BUSINESS MEN THE GUESTS.

Initial Trip of the Handsome New Suburban Car Was Made in Honor of the Event—Splendid Oyster Roast Also on Programme.

The Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company yesterday afternoon delightfully entertained a party of Wilmington business men with a trolley ride to Old Ocean and a luscious oyster roast at Stokeley's.

The trip was made on the new closed or Winter-time car of the auburban line. It was the initial trip to the beach of this car and it proved highly successful. The ride was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially so on account of the exceptional comfort of the car. The heating and ventilation were perfect.

Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the company, and Mr. A. B. Skelding, general manager, both accompanied the party and their gracious and hospitable presence enhanced much the pleasure of the occasion.

On the return trip the party stopped at Wrightsville, where the bivalves and trimmings were served. During the feast merriment reigned supreme and several interesting informal speeches were made.

Mr. James H. Chadbourn, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in thanking the company, on behalf of the guests, for the pleasures of the festive occasion referred to the great enterprise of the concern.

Mr. MacRae responded to Mr. Chadbourn in his usual peculiarly happy style.

The guests were Col. Walker Taylor, Major W. F. Robertson, Capt. T. D. Meares, Dr. C. P. Bolles and Messrs. Geo. L. Morton, James H. Chadbourn, Benjamin Bell, Geo. R. French, John H. Hanby, J. Allen Taylor, L. B. Sasser, Geo. W. Brunson, Jr., William Gilchrist, M. J. Corbett, H. G. Smallbones, Wm. E. Springer, H. C. McQueen, J. A. Arringdale and Iredell Meares.

The new car is a thing of beauty and is on a par with any of the foremost cars of the large cities. It is thoroughly up to date in equipment. It is fifty-two feet in length, is handsomely vestibuled, possesses sliding doors, has an electrical push button at every seat and in fact is elaborately appointed in every way. There are seats to accommodate fifty-two people and these seats are of a decidedly comfortable character, being of care with spring backs. Under each seat is a miniture electrical heater, which will keep the car pleasant in the very coldest weather. The windows are of heavy plate glass and will be equipped with Pantasote curtains. Two splendid features of the car are the heaters and ventilators. Any degree of ventilation can be obtained without opening the windows. The car is of an orange hue—the regulation color—and is stylishly and prettily finished in cherry and bird's eye maple.

Last night at 7 o'clock the car entered duly into service and will run according to the regular schedule.

FLATTERING OFFER ACCEPTED.

Chamber of Commerce Appoints a Committee to Write Up Wilmington.

Yesterday Mr. John H. Gould, the special representative of *Harper's Weekly*, whose presence and object was noted by the STAR yesterday, met with the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce relative to the write-up of Wilmington in the special Southern edition of the *Weekly* to be issued by Messrs. Harper & Co., of New York. Mr. Gould explained fully the character of the special edition and its great advantages.

The offer, which is really a flattering one, especially as it is gratis, was accepted and Mr. Gould heartily thanked. Mr. James Sprunt was selected as chairman of a committee to prepare the article, and Messrs. W. H. Chadbourn, W. E. Worth and H. W. Malloy were named as the other members of the committee This personnel is a sufficient guarantee that Wilmington's many advantages will be both ably and attractively set forth.

KNOCKED IN THE HEAD.

Two Negroes Get Into an Altercation and One Gets Hurt.

As the result of an altercation, which took place yesterday afternoon at Springer's coal and wood yard, foot of Chesnut street, one negro will spend Christmas in the station house and another negro will pass the day with a "broken head."

The fuss, though it came nearing being a tragedy, occurred between two of the hands on the yards, Frank Register and Geames Simmons, and caused considerable excitement at the time. Register provoked the quarrel and then knocked Simmons in the head with a stick of hard wood. The blow floored Simmons and cut an ugly looking gash in his head, which had to be sewed up.

The negro Register was arrested by Policeman Huggins and is now in the "lock up" awaiting trial for his evil behavior.

I will make sittings until Saturday, January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day. Paul M. Taylor.

THAT BLACK MARIA OUT OF COMMISSION.

City Must Not Use Other People's Property—Policemen and Other Citizens Are Compelled to Suffer.

A new chapter of the tale (taken from life) of Wilmington's first Black Maria is ready for press. It is every bit as interesting as its many, many predecessors.

Yesterday Mayor Waddell issued a peremptory order to Chief of Police Furlong prohibiting the further use of the patrol wagon, So all last night the said wagon, the fame of which is proverbial, was out of commission and the poor patrolmen were compelled to either escort, carry or drag their prisoners (it depended on their condition) to the station house. This always cause trouble, in some instances disgusting sights and at times different parts of the city were without police protection.

Mayor Waddell gave as the reason for the issuance of the order the fact that the city had no right to use property that it does not own and which it has been using for about twelve months at the expense of the Cowan Livery Company; furthermore, that he saw no likelihood of a purchase of the wagon, as the city, through the Board of Audit and Finance, had refused to pay for this absolute necessity.

It will be remembered that the Black Maria was purchased from the Cowan Company by a committee authorized to do so by the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Audit and Finance refused to allow the wagon to be paid for and the Superior Court sustained their action, though not, of course, as to the non-purchase of the wagon but simply on a matter of law. However, since the decision of the court was rendered some time ago, the wagon was steadily used up to yesterday. Thus did the livery company suffer and thusly are the people of Wilmington now suffering.

XMAS TREE LAST NIGHT.

It Afforded an Opportunity for a Happy Family Reunion.

A novel Christmas tree party, as well as a pleasurable one, took place last night at the attractive home of Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth, No. 315 North Second street. It was also a general family reunion and, remarkable to say, four generations were represented. Mrs. Rachel Memory, of Whiteville, mother of Mrs. Culbreth, was the guest of honor, as she represented the first generation. This good old lady is seventy-two years of age.

Besides Mrs. Memory there were three other members of the family from away. They were Miss Lilla Memory of Whiteville, Mr. F. B. Hall, of Roseboro, and Mr. J. M. Culbreth, of Fort Caswell.

The reunion and tree were a highly enjoyable success. There were presents for everybody, to say nothing of a delicious supper.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Milton Elliott is among the Xmas home comers.

— Mr. W. H. Strauss, of York, Pa., is here for the holidays.

— Mr. G. L. Paddison is home from Davidson College for Christmas.

— C. D. Weeks, Esq., went to Warsaw yesterday to spend Christmas.

Prof. W. Lee Harvey has gone on a Christmas visit to his home in Little Rock, Ark.

— Mrs. C. E. Borden, who is now located in Richmond, arrived yesterday morning.

— Mr. A. L. DeRosset, Jr., of Atlanta, reached the city yesterday on his Christmas vacation.

— Hon. and Mrs. A. M. Scales and children, of Greensboro, are here to spend the Yuletide season.

— Mr. C. L. Stevens, editor of the Newbern *Journal*, arrived yesterday and left in the afternoon for Southport.

— Mr. Walker Meares, who represents Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Sons at Maysville, reached home yesterday.

— Miss Fred Croom, of Burgaw is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. N. B. Futrell, No. 403 North Seventh street.

— Editor C. Ed. Taylor, of the Southport *Standard*, was in the city yesterday on his way to enjoy Christmas at his home at Town Creek.

— Misses Heleah and Maude Henkel, of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C., are spending the Xmas holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Dr. Bernheim.

— Mrs. J. C. Paddison and son, of Darlington, and Miss Camilla King, also of South Carolina, are here visiting Misses Maude and Nell Paddison.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rice are here from Washington, D. C., to spend the Xmas holidays with Mr. Rice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Struthers.

— Mr. W. L. West, formerly of of this city but now agent for the Gottlier-Bauernschmidt-Strauss Brewing Company at Wilson, is here for the festive holidays.

— Mr. F. B. Kegley, a student at Roanoke College, Salem, Va., is spending his Christmas vacation visiting his brother, Rev. C. W. Kegley, pastor of St. Matthews' Church.

— Fire this morning about 2:45 o'clock destroyed one story frame house on Third street, near Wooster, occupied by a colored man named Simms.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Greatest of All Festivals to Both Old and Young is Now Here.

WILMINGTON WILL OBSERVE.

Loving Presents and Jolly Greetings Will be Broad-Cast To-day—The Streets Were Thronged Early and Late Last Night.

To-day is Christmas.

What a world of meaning this expression has. It denotes, in the present tense, the greatest of all festivals—the time when "joy is unconfined," the time when the hearts of the little folks are alive with happiness, and the time when the older ones extend to each other the merry greeting of the year.

This Christmas in Wilmington will be a reality to more homes than ever before, made possible by the Elks' tree and dinner, and in consequence will be a universally joyous one. The weather, too, unless all indications fail, will be in keeping with the day. It is true it may be cold and even perchance it may snow (though the chance is dollars to dimes that it won't); but if it does, what do you or I care, for it makes the day more ideal and full of more zest.

Christmas will be observed here as gloriously as of yore. This morning there will be services at the different sacred edifices, which have been decorated in honor of the occasion. Several social affairs are on tapis for to-night. Of course, the little ones will loudly celebrate, with popping of firecrackers and blasts of horns, from early morn, when they awake to greet Santa Claus' gifts, until sleep dims the tired eyes to-night.

To-morrow evening one of the most fashionable society events of the Yuletide season will take place. It will be a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones at elegant "Airlie," on Wrightsville. Hundreds of Wilmington's society people will attend, going down to Wrightsville on chartered trolley cars at 8:30 P. M. Next week many sociables, including brilliant dances of the german clubs, will be given.

The long string of Christmas trees to be given by Sunday schools, societies and individuals will be inaugurated by the Elks' tree to-morrow afternoon. Fully five hundred children are expected to enjoy the grandness of the occasion.

Last night was the usual Christmas eve with Wilmington people. The streets were thronged from twilight until almost midnight with a jolly, jostling, good natured crowd. The stores, too, were packed with people, and sales beyond previous records were made; in fact, all the merchants have done profitable business this year, as people, having money to spend, have spent it with a lavish hand. All this shows what a big, jolly old day Christmas, 1902, will be.

All the public buildings except the Post Office, where special hours will be observed, will remain closed during the entire day. The wholesale houses and a big majority of the retail places of business will likewise be closed to-day.

DEATH OF MRS. CARMON.

Estimable Lady Passed Away Yesterday at the Home of Her Daughter.

At 5 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Eliza Carmon, wife of the late Captain Samuel Carmon, entered upon the sleep which knows no pain or sorrow. This estimable lady had been sick for several months and the end was not unexpected. She passed away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. James T. Woolvin, who is the only child left to mourn her great loss.

Mrs. Carmon's death is peculiarly sad, in as much as came it within two days of the death of her sister, Mrs. H. B. Bessent. She was a woman of lovely Christian character and an endearing manner. She was fifty-five years of age.

The funeral service will be conducted at 10 o'clock this morning at Mrs. Woolvin's residence, corner Fifth and Chesnut streets. The interment will be made in Oakdale.

Was a Big Success.

Prof. J. P. Herring, of School District No. 4, was in the city yesterday and reported that the ice cream and oyster supper given at Masonboro Tuesday night, for the benefit of the school, was a flattering success. The attendance was large and a tidy sum was realized for the library, which at present numbers 110 books. One of the features of the evening was a charming recitation by Mrs. John Wells, of New York.

Serious Accident in Bladen County.

A correspondent of the STAR at Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 24th, writes:

"Quite a serious accident occurred ten miles northeast of this place yesterday. While on a deer drive a gun was accidentally discharged, seriously injuring Mr. Wright Edwards and his nephew, Mr. Rafe Edwards. Seven large buckshot entered Mr. Wright Edwards' ankle and foot. It is not yet known whether his foot will have to be taken off. The heel of the young man was shot off. Both are good men."

Eight Extra Policemen.

Chief of Police Furlong yesterday "swore in" eight special policemen. They are Messrs. Ed Allen, M. R. Chadwick, J. H. Hobbs, W. M. Wright, Oscar Croom, I. T. James, L. A. Watkins and Tom Croom.

1902 ASSETS, - - - - - $74,771,758.76 1902.

STATEMENT OF THE

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

(Incorporated by the State of New York.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

ASSETS.

United States, City and Railroad Bonds and Stocks	$ 36,312,780 50
Bonds and Mortgages	26,970 875 15
Real Estate	10,175 769 61
Cash	2,227 094 21
Loans to Policy-holders	1,177,493 00
Premiums, deferred, and in course of collection (net)	2,529 923 40
Accrued Interest, Rents, etc	478 848 98
	$74,771,788 76

LIABILITIES.

Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserve	$ 63 806 413 00
All other Liabilities	1 096 81[illegible] 78
Capital and Surplus	9,968,539 48
	$74,771,788 76

COMPARISONS, ETC.

Income in 1901	$ 38 017,163 89
Gain over 1901	4 213,906 73
Asse's in 1901	74,771,1[illegible] 76
Increase for the Year	13,613 724 43
Surplus in 1901	9,968,539 43
Gain for the Year	1,194,495 52
New Insurance Acquired and Issued in 1901 as follows:	
Industrial Department	$296,606 312 00
Ordinary Department	84,334 849 00 380,941,161 00
Number of Policies in force Dec. 31, 1901	6 294 302
Total Outstanding Insurance, Dec. 31, 1901	1,076,97[illegible],204 00
Net Gain in Number of Outstanding Policies for the Year	769,945
Net Gain in Insurance in Force for the Year	153,009 287 00
Number of Policy-Claims paid in 1901 (Averaging one for every minute and a half of each business day of eight hours each)	91,914
Amount Paid on the Above (Averaging nearly $75 a minute of each business day of eight hours each)	10 738 192 16
Policy Claims, Dividends and Surrender values paid Policy-holders in 1901	1,708 903 09
Number of Policy Claims paid last five years	39[illegible],016
Paid Policy holders since organization, plus amount now invested for their security	180,870,521 84

The Daily Average of the Company's Business during 1901 was:
362 per day in Number of Claims paid.
6,672 per day in Number of Policies Issued.
$1,2[illegible],695 93 per day in New Insurance written.
$75,617 30 per day in Payments to Policy-Holders and addition to Reserves.
$41,492 51 per day in Increase in Assets.

GROWTH IN TEN-YEAR PERIODS.

YEAR.	INCOME FOR THE YEAR.	ASSETS AT END OF YEAR.	SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR.	NO. POLICIES IN FORCE, END OF YEAR.	YEAR.
D. c. 31, 1891	$ 9[illegible]8 13 84	1891 $ 1,9[illegible] 866 06	1891 $ 388 933 06	1891 196 673	18[illegible]
Dec. 31, 1901	11,425,496 6[illegible]	1901 14,626,948 21	1901 3,[illegible]88 833 18	1901 2,281 640	1891
Dec. 31, 1901	88,017 163 59	1901 74,771,758 [illegible]7	1901 9,9[illegible]8 580 43	1901 6,294 302	1901

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It has been doing business for more than Thirty Years.

It is the most progressive Life Insurance Company in America To-day.

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JOSEPH JACOBS, SUPT.

Rooms 11 and 12 Masonic Temple, Wilmington, N. C.

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Pretty Morning Nuptials

Yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock Miss Laura Bronson, a charming young lady of this city, and Mr. John S. Collins, now of Raleigh, were united in marriage. It was a pretty, as well as happy event, and was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Josephine Bronson, No. 419 Grace street, Rev. A. D. McClure, D.D., officiating. The happy twain left on the 9:30 o'clock Northern train for a short trip before going to Raleigh, where they will make their future residence.

DIED.

CARMON—In this city at 5 o'clock on the morning of December 24th, 1902, ELIZA CARMON, aged 55 years.
Funeral this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mr. James Woolvin, N. E corner of Fifth and Chesnut streets.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Masonic Temple.

By authority of a dispensation from the Grand Master, there will be a called communication of Orient Lodge No. 325 A. F. & A. M. to-morrow (Friday) evening at 5 o'clock to receive and act upon a petition for the Degrees.

C. C. BROWN, Secretary.

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WE WISH YOU A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

Happy and Prosperous New Year.

HALL & PEARSALL.

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To Our Friends

AND PATRONS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

We extend our hearty good cheer, and the Season's Good Greetings, with our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during the past year.

We cordially invite you to

Wear Our Shoes During 1903.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans Co.,

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

EXTENDS THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ITS NUMEROUS FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS FAR AND NEAR.

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Solicits your account. Pays 4 per cent. interest on deposits, compounded quarterly. Deposits made on or before January 2nd will draw interest from January 1st.

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BIDS WANTED.

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The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.

nov 30 tf S. W. NOBLE.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING. DEC. 25.

AN OBJECT LESSON IN FIGURES

The New York *Sun*, which up to 1896 shown for the Democratic party and for Democratic principles, but since then has shown for the Republican party and for Republican principles, is, like all the orthodox Republican organs, a tariff protection paper. A correspondent, who is also protectionist, sends it the following, as an argument in favor of protection, which we publish because it is an object lesson, which proves more than the correspondent intended to prove. In other words it proves too much for his side of the question, and the argument which proves too much hurts its case. He says:

By exporting the product of our factories we add just that much to our national wealth, incidentally benefiting the producers of our natural resources and the workers employed by them. A protective tariff preserves our immense home market, and also induces a scale of production greater than the needs of that home market. It is the surplus which we export The effect of this larger production is to provide more continuous work for our wage-earners than they would otherwise have. Thus, protection is a double-headed benefactor.

In this connection it is interesting to note the constant growth in our export of manufactures. The following tabulation gives the yearly average of such exports in the decades ending with the years named, and the per cent. those exports formed of our total domestic exports :

Decade Ending.	Yearly Average.	Per Cent. Total Exports
1800	$1,972 583	6 6
1810	3 035 541	8 9
1820	3,056 919	6.6
1830	6,021 636	11.3
1840	8.256,786	9.3
1850	12,098.712	10.8
1860	27,407,473	11 8
1870	38 362,268	16.1
1880	92,792 242	16 1
1890	136,017 112	18.1
1900	242 278,374	23.5
1901 (fiscal year)	410 932,524	28 1
1902 (fiscal year)	403,641,051	29.8

For the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1900, the export of manufactures was $433,000,000, but for the fiscal year 1901 we fell back to $411,000,000, owing to the increased home demand for iron and steel and their manufactures. This reduction continued and increased during 1902, fiscal year, but we have now turned the corner. The figures already reached for this fiscal year, 1903, justify the assurance that we shall close it on June 30th next with as large a total export of manufactures as we had in 1901, fiscal year, namely, $410,000,000. This means that exported manufactures represent one-third of our total exports of all kinds. The $410,000,000 thus added in one year to our national wealth is $32,000,000 more than the $378,000,000 disbursed for wages of all kinds and in all lines in the year 1860, when the Republican party commenced its career of protection.

He starts out out all right when he makes the trite observation that by "exporting the products of our manufactures we add just that much to our national wealth, incidentally benefiting the producers of our national resources and the workers employed by them." As to the fact that the protective tariff preserves our immense home market and also induces a scale of production greater than the needs of the home market, he is right, but he is wrong in the deduction which he draws from this, when he reiterates that old fake about "exporting the surplus and providing more continuous work for the wage earners than they would otherwise have." They used to get off the fraud that it was only the out-of-style stuff that our manufacturers exported which they were glad to get rid of, and consequently dumped on countries abroad for any price they could get. That's the way they accounted for the difference in home prices and prices abroad and why our manufactures sold so much cheaper abroad than they did at home. But that isn't the way they get rid of the "surplus." They have a better and surer way than that. When they overcrop themselves, drug the market and get more goods on hand than they can get rid of at a paying price, they simply get together and by agreement reduce the hours of work in the factories or reduce the number of employes, thus reducing the output until the surplus is brought in the neighborhood of the demand for consumption.

It is too late in the day to be putting up the "surplus" pretence when we know that our manufacturers who do an export business manufacture expressly for the foreign trade and cater to the demands and fancies of their foreign customers. They manufacture cotton goods expressly for the Chinese market and other things to suit the demands of customers in other countries, and they are doing this so successfully as to seriously interfere with and alarm the foreign manufacturers with whom they compete.

There is no "surplus" business in this. Our alert manufacturers are studying and catering to the foreign trade quite as systematically as they studied and catered a few years ago to the home market.

But the object lesson in these figures shows that our exports of manufactures have steadily increased in every decade for a hundred years, steadily increased under all tariffs, low and high, under so-called "free trade," and under protection. The increase begins to show largely in the decade from 1850 to 1860, practically speaking, a "free trade" period, or what the protectionists of to-day would call a free trade period, and has continued to grow rapidly since. Since 1860 we have had Republican protective tariff and since 1890 a protective tariff with protection the main and revenue the incidental feature, but it will not do to say that the increase in the exports of manufacturers is the result of that, when it is more likely to be the result of the inventive genius of the American which has supplied the labor-saving devices which have multiplied and cheapened production until our manufactures can compete with the world notwithstanding the much talked of and much feared "cheap pauper labor" of other countries. When an American manufacturer can with his skilled workman and automatic machinery turn out as much as a score of foreign workmen can, he has little to fear in the way of foreign competition, either as to the quality of goods turned out or the cost of production.

In this more than in the protective tariff is the explanation of our success in the export business, and it is folly to say that our manufacturers would be in any danger from foreign competition in the home market when they have thus shown their ability to cope with foreign competitors and to steadily forge their way abroad ever since they began, a hundred years ago, when manufacturing in this country was in its infancy, out of which according to the defenders of protection and the pleaders for it they have not yet grown.

A MIGHTY NAVY.

There are some of our statesmen and others who pose as leaders and guides in our public policies who are strenuously advocating a mighty navy, one that could cope with the combined navies of the world—a pretty stupendous undertaking for any one nation, however much of a hustler or however great its wealth or resources might be. They insist that since we have become a "world power," as they call it, we must have a navy to comport with our rank, one powerful enough to be prepared at any time to assert our rights in the face of the world.

That sounds big, but it is nonsense all the same. We do need and should have a navy sufficient to protect our ports in the event of war with another country or with other countries, and to meet the ships of those countries on the high seas in the event of war, but the idea of undertaking to build, equip and maintain a navy equal to the combined navies of even two of the leading naval powers is simply wildness run mad. If we were going out on a policy of conquest, to make war on other nations and seize their possessions there might be something in this, but as that is not to be our policy, but to preserve friendly relations, as far as possible, with other nations, to keep within bounds, and mind our own business, we can do that without posing as a Billy Patterson, hunting for some fellow to step on the tail of our coat.

We need a larger navy, as we have remarked, large enough to present a bulwark to protect our ports, but such a navy as these strenuous gentlemen want would prove an expensive institution, which we would be as anxious to get rid of as they are now anxious to build.

Within ten years, by common consent, and from necessity if not choice, the leading nations of the world will be reducing instead of increasing their navies. They may have larger and more effective ships, but fewer.

HUSBANDING THE FORESTS.

Some time ago we called attention to the new departure taken by a company owning a large tract of forest in Texas, in employing a number of men. (about sixty) who understand the business, to take care of the timber, to measure and mark the trees large enough to be cut, to prevent the trees from damage by insects, fires, stock, &c., as far as possible, and to replant when trees are cut thus providing for continuous growth.

This was the first movement of this kind in this country that we have read of although some of the States have taken measures to protect and perpetuate the forests on their reservations. It was a good example set for other companies owning large tracts of forest lands and has been followed by a company owning lands in South Carolina and will in all probability be followed by companies in other Southern States.

It will not only pay them, for in this climate there are a number of trees which are rapid growers and for commercial purposes would before many years more than compensatr for the expense of planting and caring for them, but it will also prove of inestimable value to agricultural and other interests which are so much damaged by the denudation of the forests. It is also to some extent solving the problem of forest preservation, a subject in which the whole country is vitally interested.

Another step in that direction would be made if the railroads of the country would enter upon a systematic plan for planting the lands on their right of way with rapid-growing trees which might be used for ties or for manufacturing purposes. This would stripe the country with many belts of trees and would mean many millions in the aggregate.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

APPETITES

Created and Maintained by Vinol.

THAT THE FOOD IS DIGESTED IS ASLO EQUALLY NECESSARY.

We Recommend Vinol as an Appetite Creator.

WE GUARANTEE THAT VINOL WILL AID DIGESTION.

Vinol is the greatest aid to digestion that we have ever known.

It is because Vinol acts so beneficially upon the stomach that it accomplishes so much good.

Vinol contains the active curative principles that are found in cod-liver oil, without any oil or grease.

These medicinal elements act so favorably upon the stomach, that this organ obtains for itself the elements necessary for creating new flesh, muscle tissue and for making rich red blood.

When the stomach acts easily and naturally, a desire is created for good simple food and a good appetite is the sure result.

With cod-liver oil as formerly taken the medicinal elements which it contained were too often unable to counteract the harm that was done by the obnoxious grease that enveloped them.

Now that in Vinol we have those same elements separated from the vile-tasting fat, we have a tonic and rebuilder that is simply marvelous in its action.

The following is a letter that will explain itself:

"This is to certify that I have used six bottles of Vinol, and have found it of great value as an appetizer and tonic in general debility. I have received so much benefit from its use that I gladly furnish this testimonial in order that others may be induced to give it a trial and prove to themselves its recuperative powers."—MRS. ELIZABETH FEENEY, Waterbury, Conn.

We want every one in this place to know more about our Vinol, how it cures and what it cures. Certainly the greatest tonic and rebuilder we have ever sold.

We, therefore, cordially invite any one interested to call upon us; and we want all to bear in mind that we will gladly refund to any one who is not satisfied with the action of Vinol every cent they pay for it.

ROBT. R. BELLAMY.

Owen McCarton, recently died at Ocean City, N. J. at the age of 70 years. The peculiar thing about Owen wasn't his dying at that age, but the fact that when Horace Greeley ran for the Presidency he was such an ardent admirer of Horace and so sure he would be elected he made a bet with a Grant man that in the event Greeley was defeated he, (Owen) would never leave his home between sunrise and sunset and he kept his word. Even a fire in his house a few years ago failed to drive him out, but the fire was extinguished. Tenacity is admirable, but it is a pity some men can be such admirable fools, as to make such bets and then keep them.

Not long ago Commissioner of Pensions, Ware, received a letter from an ex-Union soldier in Kansas, who had been allowed a pension, stating that he didn't want the pension and to please strike his name from the pension roll. This request was so extraordinary that the Commissioner concluded he must be insane and sent some one to see about it. The inquirer found the old fellow all right mentally, although he was physically somewhat impaired and in much more need of a pension than many who get it, but he said that when he volunteered he did it as a patriotic duty and not for a pension. The pension attorneys will unanimously agree that he must be insane.

Necessity knows no law even in Connecticut, "the land of steady habits." A lot of coalless people up there held up a coal train the other day and relieved it of about eight tons before the engineer could break away from them. At another place they have notified the local coal man that if he doesn't reduce the price of his coal they'll send him where it will be warm enough without coal.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cents, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

For Over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: A small negro child which had been left alone in the house by its parents, Calvin Edwards and his wife, who live in Princeton, was burned to death. The clothing of the child caught fire and it ran out of the house into the street and fell on the sidewalk. Several persons were witnesses to the horrible scene.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: Messrs. W. I. Linkhaw will erect a tobacco warehouse on the vacant lot adjoining their stables. It will be a commodious one and will be ideally located, with perfect accommodations in the way of stables nearby. This will give Lumberton three houses, which should secure a greater part of the crop grown in the county.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: At the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen a charter, for a street railway to traverse the city of Fayetteville, will be applied for by prominent northern capitalists. While it is a distinct company from the Fayetteville & Wilmington Steamboat Company, it is proposed to at first run it in connection with the boats of that company, and then extend the system to all parts of the city, Haymount and Massey's Hill.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: News was received at Asheville Monday of the killing of State Senator-elect Zeb Wilson, Republican, at Burnsville, in Yancey county, Saturday, by his brother, Hiram Wilson. Details are meagre, but from the best that can be learned, the Wilson brothers had a quarrel about a horse and Hiram pulled his gun and shot his brother, who died almost instantly. The dead man was chosen at the recent election by the counties of Yancey, Mitchell and Madison to represent his district in the Senate of the next Legislature, and was highly regarded by friends and neighbors. Hiram was a distiller, and is generally looked upon as a desperate character. It is said here that he killed a man named Honeycutt several years ago, but was acquitted after a trial costing the county about $5,500. It is not known whether or not Hiram Wilson has yet been arrested for the killing.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— If Mr. Pritchard is stowed away in a Federal judgeship, it is believed the North Carolina branch of the white man's Republican party will speedily collapse.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— Kissing the Bible after swearing to tell the truth is an ancient custom that could easily be dispensed with. So thinks Senator McIlwaine, and he is about right.—*Richmond Times, Dem.*

—— The most forcible objection to the plan of importing large numbers of negroes or of the Chinese into the Philippines is the objection that the Filipinos themselves might make, and probably will make in case the scheme should develop. The Filipinos have an inherited right to the islands and the products thereof, and this being so is it fair to crowd them and expose them to the competition of a hardier race or races?—*Macon Telegraph, Dem.*

—— It eventuates that the families in the anthracite region, who hire out their boys and girls of 10 to 14 years, to work by day and by night, are Polaks and Huns, who were imported under the good old system, to displace American, Welsh and Irish miners. Thus the chicks are coming home to roost on Deacon Bae's front fence. The foreign element in Massachusetts was responsible for 90 per cent. of the child labor in the mills of the State, and this is true of all the New England States.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

TWINKLINGS

— "Pa, what's an illustrious man?" "A dead one, generally."—*Chicago Record.*

— Beryl—Do the Smythes live within their income? Sibyl—They don't live within it, yet they couldn't live without it!—*Boltimore Herald.*

— Editor—Was Longwynde's sermon exhaustive? Reporter—Exhaustive! You never saw an audience so nearly worn out in your life.—*Los Angeles Herald.*

— "Of course, John is a thoroughly English name." 'Oh! I don't know." "O! but it is. The 'h.' you'll notice, isn't sounded at all."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Uncle George—It's better to be born a boy, of course. Every boy has the possibility of one day becoming President. Aunt Hannah—And every girl of being his boss.—*Boston Evening Transcript.*

— The Hostess—You are such an epicure, Mr. Stuffer, that I was almost afraid to ask you to dinner. Stuffer—But the pleasure of your company more than compensates me.—*New York Times.*

— Miss Elderleigh—"My friends say these photographs fail to do me justice." Mr. Frank—"Of course they do. But then justice should always be tempered with mercy, you know."—*Chicago News.*

— Mrs. De Freeze—Why, Egbert! Surely you aren't going to make ice cream! The house is freezing cold now. Egbert—That's just it. I'm going to see if I can get as hot over it as I used to last Summer.—*Chicago News.*

— Farmer Broadhead (in the midst of his reading)—"The paper says that John J. Skipps, the cashier of the bank over to Allgash, has embezzled $6,000. Wa-al, that's funny ——." Mrs. Broadhead—"What's so funny about his bein' a thief, Amsi?' Farmer Broadhead—"Why, fer's I know he was never called 'Honest John.'"—*Puck.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

CEDAR BLUFF, VA., Nov. 12, 1903.

We have sold Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic for the past 10 years. We know it has saved hundreds of long cases of fever and heavy doctors' bills and has saved the lives of hundreds of our own people. We keep it in our households.

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Agency of this wonderful medicine will be placed with good men. Address A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga. †

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Jim Dumps' near neighbor, William Ross,
Was called Ill-Will, he was so cross.
Jim Dumps invited him to tea
And fed him "Force." He laughed with glee,
For "Force" was just the food for him.
"It fills the Bill," said "Sunny Jim."
"FORCE"
The Ready-to-Serve Cereal
brings health closer than a neighbor.
Sweet, crisp flakes of wheat and malt.
Eat "Force" three times a day.
"Our people are eating 'Force' three times a day.
"J. B. SMILLIE."

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FARMER JOE'S SPEECH.

It Was Short, but It Crushed the Bumptious Youngster.

"You may get the better of an opponent in debate," said an old time orator, "by sheer force of convincing argument—that is to say, you may score and win on points—but if you want to put your man down and out at a single coup just make him ridiculous. Only succeed in doing this, and all the logic of the other side will explode in vacancy like so many blank cartridges.

"Once when I was serving a term up the state in the legislature a bumptious youngster who had just been introduced was laboring through his maiden effort. He was attacking a man who was his senior by at least a score and ten years and thought to make a hit by referring to him as 'that little gray-beard from Herkimer.' Rymal of Niagara rose to reply. He was an old timer, who never spoke unless he had something to say and so was always sure of an attentive audience. Farmer Joe, as he was called, got up slowly, gradually expanded himself to his full height of 6 feet 4, thrust his left hand behind the tails of a capacious and somewhat shabby frock coat, held up the index finger of his right hand, cleared his throat ominously and solemnly began:

"'Mr. Speaker, the honorable gentleman who has just spoken has never read Pope's essay. If he had, he would remember that the "soul's the standard of the man." And, sir, fifty such souls as that of the honorable gentleman who preceded me could be put into the skull of a flea and have as much room there as two frogs in Lake Superior.'

"He didn't have to say more. The chamber went into a convulsion of laughter which lasted for several minutes after the tall farmer had resumed his seat. As for the youngster, he did the best he could. He wriggled about, got red in the face, tried to look unconcerned and kept his mouth closed during the balance of the session."—New York News.

Fishing Through Street Gratings.

In Winchester, England, it is quite a common thing to see men fishing through the street gratings. Under the High street there flow several streams which ultimately discharge into the river Itchen, a noted trout stream. These streams receive the storm and surface water from the street by means of the ordinary street grating. The line is dropped through and fastened to the end of a stick small enough to go through the grate. When the fish is hooked, the line and stick are dropped through the grating, and the fisherman rushes to the point where the stream emerges from under the street and is there able to recover his line and land his fish.

Cause For Separation.

Her Pastor—Do you not know that what God has joined together man should not put asunder?

The Divorcee—It was not a man in our case. It was a milliner.

"A what?"

"A milliner. You see, my husband said he'd rather pay allmony than buy hats, as it would be cheaper in the long run."—New York Times.

Education.

What sculpture is to a block of marble education is to a human soul. The philosopher, the saint and the hero, the wise, the good and the great man very often lie hid and concealed in a plebeian, which a proper education might have disinterred and brought to light.—Addison.

Easy Choice.

"Which do you prefer," asked the friend, "classical music or classical plays?"

"Classical music, every time," answered Mr. Cumrox. "There's always noise enough in that to keep you awake."—Washington Star.

Not Used to Them.

Carrye—Cholly never eats brains.

Maye—And why not?

Carrye—Why, he is afraid they will go to his head.—Judge.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Scott's Hill, Prospect, Dec. 27, 28.
Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, —— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14. 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

IN REPLY TO INQUIRIES we have pleasure in announcing that Ely's Liquid Cream Balm is like the solid preparation of that admirable remedy in that it cleanses and heals membranes affected by nasal catarrh. There is no drying or sneezing. The Liquid Cream Balm is adapted to use by patients who have trouble in inhaling through the nose and prefer spraying. The price, including spraying tube, is 75 cents. Sold by druggists or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. †

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 52c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.35; crude turpentine quiet at $1.10 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	46
Rosin	320
Tar	402
Crude turpentine	100

Receipts same day last year—18 casks spirits turpentine, 507 barrels rosin, 433 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8½c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5¼ cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	7⅛ " "
Low middling	7¾ " "
Middling	8⅛ " "
Good middling	8 15-16 " "

Same day last year, market firm at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—3,177 bales; same day last year, 1,383.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Money on call—Market firm at 6@10 per cent., closing offered at 6 per cent.; time money firmer—60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent.; six months 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with the actual business in bankers' bills at 486.75 for demand and 488.125 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484 and 487½. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Bar silver 48¼. Mexican dollars 38. Government bonds strong. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. funding 2's, registered, 107¾; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 108¼; U. S 3's, registered, 107¼; do. coupon, 107½; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135¼; do. coupon, 135¼; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109; do. coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon, 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 120. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 97½. Chesapeake & Ohio 46½; Manhattan L 147; New York Central 151½; Reading 63¾; do. 1st preferred 86; do. 2nd preferred 76; St. Paul 176¾; do. pref'd, 193; Southern Railway 33¼; do. pref'd 92½; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 59¼; People's Gas 101¾; Sugar 128¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 56¾; U. S. Leather 11¾; do. pref'd, 88; Western Union 87¼; U. S. Steel 34¾; do. pref'd 84½; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 59¾; do. preferred, 122½; Standard Oil, 688@690.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 25; do. preferred, bonds, 42¼; fours, 82¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 53c; receipts 723 casks; sales 142 casks; exports 60 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 3,079 barrels; sales 2,607 barrels; exports 537 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45 E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 85; M, $3 35; N, $5 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The cotton market opened quiet and steady at unchanged prices, rallied a point or two and then eased off three to four points only to turn steadier again with the close very steady at a net loss of two points to a net rise of three points. The influences at work on the market were first bearish and then bullish; the early cables were unsatisfactory, early indications as to the receipts for the day were under the mark and the local contingent started an incipient raid in the absence of public support. Later, however, public support became something of a factor, following advices pointing to an unsatisfactory showing by the week-end figures and tending to strengthen statistics through large exports and large home consumption. As the day advanced local shorts covered and there was some investment demand which gave the market a firm undertone up to the close. The January situation remains such as to keep the general market in a state of uncertainty and new ventures are only made in March, May and the later months. The total transactions of the day were estimated at 50,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Cotton quiet at 8.75c; net receipts 378 bales; gross receipts 3,317 bales; stock 151,129 bales.

Spot closed quiet and steady; middling uplands 8.75c; middling gulf 9.00c; sales 100 bales.

Cotton futures market closed quiet; December 8.48, January 8 53, February 8.29, March 8.33, April 8.32, May 8 34, June 8.33, July 8.34, August 8.17, September 7.91.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 68,573 bales; exports to Great Britain 22,229 bales; exports to France 23,397 bales; exports to the Continent 4,735 bales: stock 1,078,089 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 227,791 bales; exports to Great Britain 54,319 bales; exports to France 65,508 bales; exports to the Continent 53,942 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,641,214 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,423,067 bales; exports to France 403,147 bales; exports to the Continent 1,378,968 bales

Dec. 24.—Galveston, firm at 8 5-16c, net receipts 7,322 bales; Norfolk, steady at 8 5-16c, net receipts 4,565 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8½c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.75, net receipts 1,296 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 3,177 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 9.00c, net receipts 157 bales; Savannah, quiet at 8¼c, net receipts 5,196 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 8¼c, net receipts 24,996 bales; Mobile, quiet at 8¼c, net receipts 1,784 bales; Memphis, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 3,208 bales; Augusta, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 2,207 bales; Charleston, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 1,318 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Holiday in grain markets. Rice quiet. Butter steady; extra creamery 28c; State dairy 20@26. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13¾@14; small white September 13¾@14c. Peanuts were steady; fancy hand picked 4¾@4¾c; other domestic 3@4¾c. Cabbages were quiet; domestic, per 100, white $3 00@4 00; red $2 50@5 00. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 5¼; mild quiet; Cordova 7½@12. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test 3 15-16c; refined steady. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania average best 28c Potatoes quoted steady; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 25. Molasses quiet.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices two points lower; American middling fair 5.16; good middling 4.83d; middling 4.52d; low middling 4.40d; good ordinary 4.28d; ordinary 4.16. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,600 bales American. Receipts none.

Futures opened quiet and closed steady; American middling (g o c) December 4.50d; December and January 4.49@4.50d; January and February 4.49@4.50d; February and March 4.49@4.50d; March and April 4.49@4.50d; April and May 4.50d; May and June 4.51d; June and July 4.51d; July and August 4.51d; August and September 4.45@4.46d.

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FOREIGN.

BREMEN—British steamship Harbart, 11,906 bales cotton, 5,861,697 pounds, valued at $498,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 25

STEAMSHIPS.

Vera, (Br) 1,854 tons, Bennett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Zeeburg, (Dutch) 1,958 tons, Stasse, Heide & Co.

Riverton, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Venus, 194 tons, Foxwell, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Lady Shea, (Br) 151 tons, Munro, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Havelock, (Br) 212 tons, Beery, J T Riley & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Nellie Troop, (Br) 1,317 tons, Nobles, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—373 bales cotton, 48 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—1 332 bales cotton, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,056 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 63 barrels rosin, 89 barrels tar, 36 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—126 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 13 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—66 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine

Steamer A. P. Hurt—212 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 130 barrels rosin, 230 barrels tar, 46 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Compton—10 bales cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine, 22 barrels tar.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—2 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 27 barrels rosin.

Schooner J. D. Pigott—1 cask spirits turpentine, 10 barrels rosin.

Total—3,317 bales cotton, 46 casks spirits turpentine, 390 barrels rosin, 402 barrels tar, 100 barrels crude turpentine.

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Two guests were being shown through a Philadelphia mansion in which a nouveau riche broker was entertaining a party of fashionable friends. The splendid array of family heirlooms, all bespeaking a lineage of earliest colonial origin, deeply impressed one of the party. He was a stranger but lately arrived from Baltimore. Oddly enough, his companion, a Philadelphian, seemed flippantly indifferent to these treasured relics of a family's honored history.

"Remarkable collection of heirlooms our host has," remarked the stranger as he stopped before a battle scarred sword of Revolutionary days.

"Yes," drawled the Philadelphian cynically, "very interesting. But unfortunately it lacks the charm of novelty for me. Already this season I've seen the same batch of relics in three other Philadelphia houses."

"How could that be?"

"Oh, simple enough. It only means that all four families, our host and the three others I refer to, hired their ancestral trappings from the same man."

"Hired them?"

"Yes, hired them. We have in this city an enterprising collector of colonial junk who makes a business of renting out family glory to all who were unfortunate enough to be born without it."

"Whew!" was the only comment the astonished Baltimorean could utter.

And doubtless many Philadelphians would be moved to say "Whew!" if they could learn how many members of the Quaker City social elect are constrained to seek the assistance of the heirloom dealer when they wish to give a brilliant function.

It is a deception that is forced upon them, for unless you have distinguished appearing forbears you stand little chance of penetrating the sacred precincts of the local fashionable set.

Ancestry, not cash, is the open sesame, and even if a man can claim some sort of a family tree his pretensions are questioned unless he can show some of the furniture or portraits that his American forefather brought with him on the Mayflower or the Welcome.

Of course if the two vessels named had been as large as the Great Eastern and had been loaded with nothing but heirlooms they couldn't have carried half the stock needed to launch the descendants of Pilgrim fathers into society. Hence the need of an heirloom dealer.

He has his warerooms in Pine street, in a part of the city which was once the center of fashion, but is now deserted by that element in consequence of the westward movement of the city's elect.

Ostensibly he is a curio dealer, but his revenue is mainly derived from furnishing and hanging the walls of fashionable dwellings with century old portraits.

This clever manipulator of men's vanities has ancient, straight backed furniture and copper kettles and snuffers for candles and bullseye watches and similar relics of ancient grandeur, all at your disposal for a night, when you, poor fellow, with money, but no ancestors, want your friends to know what an old family yours is! He also has rare furnishings for libraries and drawing rooms which you may rent if you have the price.

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On his walls he has portraits of studious looking Quakers. On his shelves are modest Quaker clocks that did service in the days when the founder was exchanging thirty blankets for Philadelphia.

There are Quaker walking sticks, tinder boxes, documents on all subjects, household utensils a legion.

It is true that this system of supplying ancestors has its disadvantages. Contretemps such as the one revealed at the beginning of this article are bound to occur. The hawklike eye of a connoisseur, trained to recognize instantly the value, authenticity and history of antiques, often pierces the deception and remembers seeing the "treasured family heirlooms" somewhere else. But in the main people are gullible, and the wealthy but plebeian aspirant for social honors vaunts the blueness of his blood and points with pride to his hired heirlooms without much danger of discovery.

And meanwhile the crafty Pine street dealer smiles, waxes rich and echoes a celebrated remark of Puck's regarding the average intelligence of mortals.—Philadelphia North American.

Montefiore's Rebuke.

A man who was once talking with the late Sir Moses Montefiore at a reception found the conversation so entertaining that he completely forgot the race of his companion and made some uncomplimentary remark about the Jewish features of a lady who was passing by. The mistake was no sooner made than it was perceived.

The unhappy man began to apologize profusely. "I ask a thousand pardons. It was so stupid of me to forget. You look angry enough to eat me. I beg you not to devour me."

"Sir," replied Sir Moses, "it is impossible. My religion forbids."—Peter's "The Jew as Patriot."

Drinking Through the Nostrils.

The Indian sages do not practice their breathing exercises simply for the sake of repose and sleep. During the inbreathing energy is increased. These Indians are not the only people who believe that with the inbreathing of pure air there comes something still more vital than oxygen. But the Indians have developed the art of breathing more than any other people.

One of their favorite exercises is to inhale through the left nostril, to hold the breath for a time and then exhale through the right nostril.

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The first duty of the proprietor in making a patron comfortable is to stop up the holes in the paper window pane. He never tears the paper off entirely and replaces it with a new one, because the sheet of paper is worth about one-tenth of a cent, and the innkeeper is not wasteful. Indeed he pastes little slips of paper over the holes until all the light that filters through it is of a mottled hue.

At one end of the mule shed is the kitchen of the inn. It is here that the meals for all the patrons are prepared, to be eaten in the rooms. The menu is not elaborate. It consists only of bowls of rice and tea. Should the traveler desire a greater variety of food, he can buy it himself in the market, and his own servant can cook it in the kitchen of the inn. To sleep on the bed of a Chinese inn would be for a foreigner an impossibility were it not that he is always so exhausted at the end of each day's journey that he finds it difficult to remain awake ten minutes after alighting from his pony. He lies down on the mat that covers the hard heap of mud and surprises himself at the soundness of his slumber.

The one redeeming thing about the inn is its cheapness. Just as the traveler is about to depart in the morning the proprietor tells him the amount of his bill. Everything is charged on the "European plan." Every cup of tea, every rushlight candle, the paper window pane, are all itemized in the long list which the proprietor reels off in singsong, but the total is surprisingly low. The cost of food and lodging for one night for a traveler and two servants, with stabling and fodder for his ponies and cart mules, is about 50 cents.—New York Mail and Express.

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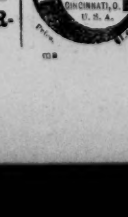

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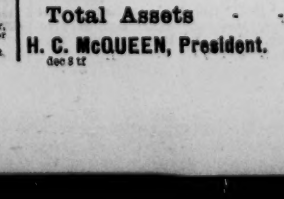

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Capital	$ 300,000
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Total Assets	$2,000,000

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Sixth Annual Exhibition, Charlotte Poultry Association, Charlotte, N. C., January 12th-15th, 1903. Dates of sale January 11th to 14th, inclusive. Final limit January 16th. Rate, $6.30.

Meeting North Carolina Association Academies, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26th, 27th, 1902. Dates of sale Dec. 24th to 27th, inclusive. Final limit Dec. 31st. Rate, $6.55.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, limited Jan. 3. Upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of schools or colleges tickets at this rate will be sold to teachers and students, Dec. 16 to 22, inclusive; limited Jan. 8th.

W. J. CRAIG,

Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON,

Traffic Manager.

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Consolidated Railways,

LIGHT AND POWER CO.

SUBURBAN LINE.

Winter Schedule, in Effect November 25th, 1902.

LEAVE FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS

At *7:00, 9:00, *10:00, 11:00 A. M. *12:00, 1:00, *2:00, 3:00, *4:00, 5:00, *6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR WILMINGTON.

At *8:00, 10:00, *11:00 A. M. 12:00 *1:00, 2:30, *3:30, 4:30, *5:30, 6:00, *6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:30, *10:30, 11:30 A. M. *12:30, 1:30, *2:30 3:30, *4:30, 5:30 P. M.

LEAVE OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:45, *10:45, 11:45 A. M. *12:45, 2:15, *3:15, 4:15, 5:15, *6:45 P. M.

*Sunday only.

†Freight and passenger—daily except Sunday.

Regular Freight Cars leave Ninth and Orange streets at 4:00 P. M. Returning, leaves Wrightsville at 5:30 P. M.

CITY LINE.

Leave Front and Princess streets daily, except Sunday, every ten minutes from 7:30 A. M. to midnight.

SUNDAY.

Every ten minutes from 8:30 A. M. to midnight.

S. A. L. CAR.

Leave Fourth and Brunswick streets daily every ten minutes from 11:55 A. M. to 12:05 P. M. and from 2:35 P. M. to 2:55 P. M.

CEMETERY CARS.

Leave Tenth and Princess streets every day, every half hour from 4:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. Last car leaves Cemetery 5:35 P. M.

DELGADO AND GOLF LINKS.

Cars leave Tenth and Princess streets every day and every half hour from 3:40 P. M. to 5:40 P. M. Last car leaves Golf Links at 5:50 P. M.

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Furnished on three hours' notice over any part of the City or Suburban Line from $5.00 to $15.00, according to the service.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST			GOING WEST	
Pass'g'r Trains		STATIONS.	Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 22	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newborn.....	9 27	9 00
7 08	7 07	Morehead City.	7 38	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newborn for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 5 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 22 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

FOR RENT,

Stores, Dwellings, Offices, &c.

au 23 tf D. O'CONNOR.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 22

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 1.23 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5.44 P. M., Pembroke 6.10 P. M., Maxton 6.40 P. M., Hamlet 7.25 P. M., Charlotte 10.22 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5.0 1A. M., Hamlet at 8.25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9.10 A. M., Pembroke 9.45 A. M., Lumberton 10.08 A. M., Wilmington 12.20 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 2 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	.....	10.33 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	3 25 a m	12.57 p m
Ar Athens	2 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7 35 a m	4.00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1 15 a m	11.30 a m
Ar Savannah	2 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 a m	9 15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.45 p m	6 00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3 32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	.....	.....
Ar Norfolk	7.15 a m	5.35 p m

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m	7.50 a m	
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11.45 a m	11.10 a m	
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m	1.25 p m	
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m	4.47 p m	
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m	5.40 p m	
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m	.....	
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m	.....	
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m	.....	

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.30 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.37 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 8.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.35 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 9.23 a. m.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 10 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.25 p m
Ar Norlina	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 59 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.33 a m	9 10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 25 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m	1 52 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	2 50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	8 31 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 32 p m	9 18 a m
Ar Weldon	9 04 p m	11 22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 p m	12 50 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5 5 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	8.00 a m	3 45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	8.55 a m‡
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11 15 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	7.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9.00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8 03 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9.10 a m	Ar.	8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12.20 p m	Ar.	5 00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv.	3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 32 p m	Ar.	12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv.	9 00 a m

‡Via Wilson.

Trains Nos. 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

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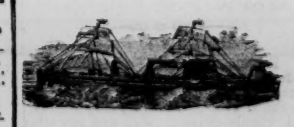

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THEO. G. EGER, General Manager,
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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING DEC. 25.

REVOLUTIONISTS AGAIN ACTIVE IN VENEZUELA.

Have Planned to March Upon Caracas. Situation for President Castro Considered Again Serious.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURACOA, Dec. 23. (By boat from LaGuaira.)—The revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country, and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition that they turn against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela by referring him to General Matos, their only chief capable of dealing with the matter. The rebels have regained courage. The government which signed with them an armistice of ten days, which ends to-morrow, has 3,600 men at Barquisimeto and 2,500 near Caracas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired. The revolutionists have planned a march on Caracas by three roads Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tacacus.

The situation for President Castro is considered again perilous; attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the shocks, as the government's resources have vanished. The President's departure for LaVictoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capital of the revolutionists. General Matos will leave Curacoa shortly.

MISS BIGGAR ACQUITTED.

The Two Other Defendants Found Guilty of Conspiring to Get Possession of Estate of H. M. Bennett.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Dec. 24.—Laura Bigger was acquitted and Dr. Charles C. Hendricks and Samuel Stanton, formerly a justice of the peace, were found guilty by the jury to-day in the case against the three defendants on the charge of having conspired to get possession of the entire estate of Henry M. Bennett, a capitalist, of Pittsburg, Pa.

The jury, which retired at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, remained out all night and to-day asked the court if the jury might convict two of the defendants and acquit one. The court said such a verdict would be legal, and later in the day the verdict as stated was returned.

Miss Biggar laid claim to the entire estate of Bennett, who died recently, leaving a large fortune, as his wife and as the heir of a child of Bennett, which she said was born to her after his death and soon died. Dr. Hendricks was her physician, and the proprietor of a sanitarium in which the child was said to have been born. Stanton said he had united Miss Bigger and Bennett in marriage, and a marriage certificate signed by him played an important part in the case.

The claim of Miss Biggar was contested by persons who laid claim to being the rightful heirs of Bennett, and they made the charge of conspiracy. Under the will Miss Biggar was bequeathed a large part of the estate.

THREE MEN SHOT.

In a Fight With Town Officers at Dillsboro, Jackson County, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DILLSBORO, N. C., Dec. 24.—Philip and George Morgan, brothers, and George Cunningham, living about three miles from Dillsboro, at the Harriss clay mines, in Jackson county, N. C., came to Dillsboro this morning and became intoxicated and disorderly. When Town Marshal C. W. Dills, assisted by T. W. Mason, undertook to arrest the men who had created somewhat of a panic, all three men drew knives and pistols and defied the officers. A fusilade of shots followed. After the shooting had ceased it was found that George Cunningham was shot in the shoulder, George Morgan in the head and Philip Morgan above the right eye. George Morgan will probably die, but it is thought the others will recover. Dills and Mason were not hurt.

AN IMPROMPTU DUEL.

One of the Combatants Dying, the Other is Seriously Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NICHOLS, GA., Dec. 24.—Sam P. Padgett and J. C. Buchanan young white men, fought an impromptu duel on the street this evening, of which Padgett is dying and Buchanan is seriously wounded. The two young men married sisters, and while the cause of the trouble is not known it is believed to be a family disagreement. Padget and Buchanan have heretofore been friendly, but on meeting to-day each drew a revolver and began shooting. Padgett was shot through the chest near the heart and cannot recover.

WINTER CROPS IN RUSSIA.

The Outlook is Bad, Due to the Delay in Sowing.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The condition of the winter crops in nearly all European Russia is regarded as absolutely bad. This condition arises from the delay in sowing, which was due to the late harvest and the rainy autumn and winter, and the seed did not germinate sufficiently before the advent of early and intense frosts. The crop outlook is serious, even in several of the southern provinces of the country.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

ALLIES' PROPOSALS REACH WASHINGTON

In Such Form That the President Can Accept or Reject the Proposition Outright.

HIS DECISION NOT KNOWN.

It is Said That the President is Disposed to Act With All Speed in the Matter—Germany is Anxious for His Acceptance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The proposals of Great Britain and Germany that President Roosevelt arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute have reached Washington. They are in such form that the President can accept or reject the proposition outright. So far, the messages having been received while the President was absent from the White House, he has had no opportunity to consider them, and until he does so his decision cannot be known. For the same reason nothing can be gathered here as to the details of the proposals, and although great interest is felt as to the extent of the limitation which the allies will ask to be placed on arbitration curiosity on that point must remain unsatisfied until the President has finally made up his mind what he shall do. It is known that he is disposed to act with all speed in this matter, for he realizes that the conditions on the blockade line are such that almost any moment an unpleasant incident may occur through the obstinacy of some skipper or from a genuine misunderstanding as to the terms of the blockade that may diminish the chances of a peaceful settlement of the Venezuela trouble.

BERLIN, December 24.—Germany is anxious to receive President Roosevelt's acceptance of the formal invitation from Germany and Great Britain to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan controversy. The German government's preference is very decidedly in favor of arbitration through President Roosevelt, rather than through The Hague tribunal, because it believes the President will reach an early decision, whereas The Hague court would require many months. The officials here also insist that it is to the United States' advantage to have the President decide the matter.

ROME, December 24.—Italy's reply to the arbitration proposal of Venezuela through Minister Bowen and the government of the United States, among other things, says Italy would be pleased if the question was settled by the arbitration of President Roosevelt, and adds that if he does not accept, Italy will have no objection to submitting the solution to The Hague tribunal.

The Blockade.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Navy Department to-day received no word from Commander Diehl, of the Marietta, concerning his reported protest against the action of the blockading squadron at Caracas in refusing to allow the Red "D" liner Caracas to remain in the harbor yesterday long enough to discharge her cargo. No request for instructions has come from him. The officials of the department have entire confidence in Commander Diehl's ability to handle the situation, and unless they hear something from him in the shape of a protest against the action of the allies they will make no move.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Commodore Scheder reports that the German blockade of Porto Cabello began December 23nd, and that the blockade of Maracaibo by the Germans commenced to-day.

No Conclusion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The President and Secretary Hay were in conference for some time this afternoon over the proposals from Great Britain and Germany, that the President arbitrate the issues involved in the Venezuelan claims controversy. They went over the communications very thoroughly, considering the subject from every view point. The acceptance or declination of the proposals by the President is believed to hinge on the nature of the restrictions the allies have imposed on the arbitration. If any conclusion was reached at the conference between the President and his Secretary of State to-day the fact was not made public.

EARTHQUAKE AT ANDIJAN.

One Section of the City Was Completely Destroyed Thousands of Persons Homeless—Horrible Situation.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—While full details of the recent earthquake disaster at Andijan, Russian Central Asia, are not obtainable owing to lack of communication, the brief dispatches received here describe the situation as horrible. The temperature has fallen to the freezing point and thousands of persons are homeless. One section of the city has been completely destroyed; only one cotton gin and one church are standind. The first shock drove the inhabitants generally indoors, otherwise the loss of life would have been much greater.

Andijan is a cotton center and exports forty million pounds of cotton annually. The population, numbering 56,000 souls, was growing rapidly. The people, who are mainly Sarts, were engaged in cotton raising and ginning. Of twenty gins nineteen have been destroyed. The Sarts are not like the Russians. They are private owners of land, but live in cities and towns. The houses in Andijan are principally one-story high and are built of unburned brick.

The war department here informs the correspondent of The Associated Press that everything possible is being done to relieve the suffering. Barracks in which the population will be housed are being built.

FOR LACK OF COAL.

A Suit for $250 Damages Against Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—J. Pierpont Morgan has been summoned to appear in the district municipal court to answer in a suit brought against him for $250 damages. The claimant, a tenant in a house owned by Morgan, asks these damages on the ground that he caught a severe cold through the house not being heated owing to the lack of coal.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF BOY

Singular Case Involving the Legation of Uruguay in a Possible Conflict With the United States Courts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The State Department is considering a singular case, involving the legation of Uruguay here in in a possible conflict with the United States courts as represented by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. To-day Mrs. Helen G. Sparhawk, the author of the compilation of national music which is now used by the United State army and navy, called at the States Department to seek its aid in recovering her ten-year-old nephew, Joseph Freston Ames, who according to her story was removed from Washington while technically in the custody of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, and sent out of the country. The boy is now on the British steaner Soldier Prince en route to Buenos Ayres, and Mrs. Sparhawk wishes the State Department to cause the United States consul at the first port of call to take custody of the boy and ship him back to the United States. The Department will make a thorough investigation of the case, with a view especially of determining what part, if any, was taken by the legation officials here in the removal of the boy.

A GIGANTIC GAS TRUST.

Capital to the Amount of Nearly a Billion Dollars — Rockefeller and Other Capitalists in the Combine.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The *Daily News* to-day says that capital to the amount of nearly a billion dollars is reported to be represented in the formation of a gigantic gas trust, which will include the different companies in nearly all the principal cities of Europe and the large interests of London. A Chicago man is alleged to be the originator of the scheme and Chicago and New York capital is represented in the project. John D. Rockefeller is credited with being a prospective stockholder to the amount of $30,000,000. Other New York capitalists said to be interested are Anthony Brady, D. O. Mills and A. R. Flower, and C. K. G. Billings, of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company. Anthony Brady, said to be one of the prime movers in the venture, the story runs, will leave within ten days for Paris to perfect the deal.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

Mrs. Edward Burdick Shot John Ryan Dead in Defence of Her Honor.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec., 24.—A special to the *News* from Bradford Pa., says: At Olivedale, a small hamlet near here, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Edward Burdick shot John Ryan dead in defence of her honor. Ryan entered the woman's house during her husband's absence. She saw him coming and fearing trouble got the pistol out of a drawer and held it under her apron. When he attacked her she fired once at her assailant, killing him instantly. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide. Ryan, who was a laborer and worked about the place, had been drinking heavily for several days.

WARM WIRELETS.

The torpedo boat destroyer Worden, now at the Norfolk navy yard, has been ordered in commission.

The German cruiser Sperber is hurrying preparations to sail from Kiel for Venezuela about New Year's day.

A dispatch from Pueblo, Col., says that six persons were killed in a wreck on the Colorado Southern railroad last night, near Trinidad.

On leaving the Vanderbilt residence at 11:45 last night, Dr. Austin Flint said: "Mr. Vanderbilt has turned the corner. He will get well."

A Rome dispatch says there is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Pope is ill. The pontiff is in good health and excellent spirits.

The President's family will all be together at the White House to spend Christmas. They will not have a tree, but will exchange presents in the morning in the library.

Monsignor Diomede Falconio, the Papal apostolic delegate, reached Savannah yesterday from Washington. Mgr. Falconio will spend the holidays as the guest of Benjamin J. Keiley.

A line of steamers for the Central American and African mahogany trade is to be established by the C. C. Mengel, Jr., and Brothers Company, of Louisville, to ply between New Orleans and mahogany ports.

Thomas J. Sharkey, who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for having killed Nicholas Fish, the New York banker, on September 27th, has been sentenced to State's prison for ten years.

Professor Jacob Forney, of the State University of Alabama was accidentally killed yesterday while shooting sparrows with a parlor rifle. Professor Forney was a son of the late Major General John H. Forney of the Confederate army.

Government work is not expected to suffer on account of the receivership ordered for the Trigg Shipbuilding Company at Richmond. The cruiser Galveston is the only ship now building at that yard, and she is 65 per cent completed.

The chairman of the Republican State Committee of Colorado was advised by telegraph yesterday that President Roosevelt will visit Denver about the middle of March. From Denver, it is said, he will go to New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The Dutch steamer Prins Willem II, from New York December 5, arrived off LaGuaira yesterday morning, but owing to difficulties with the blockading squadron and the refusal of her agent to pay port charges, she left without communicating with the shore.

A London dispatch says: The depression in the British cotton spinning industry is evidenced by the fact that eighty-five joint stock companies in Lancashire, with an aggregate capital of $25,175,000 and having 6,667,000 spindles, record a net loss of $7,150 for this year.

The Bessemer Coke Company, of Pittsburg, which is the second largest independent coke producing interest in Connellsville county, has notified its employes that an advance of 8 per cent in wages at all the plants of the company would become effective January 1st.

Burnett's Vanilla Extract is the fixed standard of excellence. It has outlived criticism. It is the finest and purest vanilla extract that can be bought.

The Crescent Pharmacy, 107 Princess street, has just received an elegant line of the celebrated Lyons Candies in fancy baskets. Just the thing for Xmas presents. †

THIRTY PEOPLE BADLY INJURED.

Explosion of Gasoline in a Club House at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

POOL ROOM WAS CROWDED.

The Upper Floor and Back Walls of the Building Fell on a Mass of Struggling Men—Police and Firemen Took Charge—Rescued Sufferers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gas or gasoline this afternoon in the cellar of the Turf Exchange, a club house and pool room operated by Chambers & Walker, the building was badly damaged and thirty people were injured, sixteen of them being in a serious condition. The most seriously injured are:

R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the Turf Exchange, both legs and both wrists broken; William Helwig, a blind man, manager of a bath house, both legs broken, will die; J. S. Meeks, both legs broken; Joseph Pace, hotel keeper, both legs broken; —— Finnegan plumber, both legs broken; James Cowen, both legs broken; William Metzger, a boy, both legs broken and skull fractured, will die; James Coughlin, plumber, leg broken; C. G. Parker, Milwaukee, Wis., both legs broken; Al. F. Hotchskiff, knee fractured; Tozier, engineer, Hot Springs, both legs broken; H. George, New York, leg broken; F. Cranfield, Cincinnati, both legs broken, ribs crushed; Walter Powers, St. Louis, arm broken; Eugene Daly, Hot Springs, both legs broken; Thomas Phelan, telegraph operator, badly cut; Mr. Donnelly, visitor, residence unknown, leg broken, also badly cut. Twelve others sustained bruises and slight injuries.

About 4 o'clock this afternoon the pool room was crowded with more than one hundred persons. Just as a race at New Orleans was being called by the operator the floor of the building seemed to rise in an instant, and a report that shook the building rang out. The upper floor and back walls of the building fell on the mass of struggling men who were wildly excited and endeavoring to escape to the street. The entire house looked as if a tornado had ploughed through its center. The front glass windows were broken and both sides of the structure were shattered by the concussion, which resembled the report of a 12-pounder.

The news of the explosion spread rapidly and soon Central avenue was jammed with people. The police and firemen took charge of the building and the work of rescue began. Men were pulled from under the debris in a terribly shattered state. One of the most pitiable sights was when "Billy" Helwig, the blind manager of the Lamar bath house, was taken from the ruins. Helwig is widely known to the thousands of visitors who visit Hot Springs annually.

R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the Turf Exchange, is also a lessee of the Fort Erie, Ont., race track, and is one of the best known sporting men in the country. His condition is serious.

The injured were taken in charge by the local physicians.

The exact cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. It is said by some that gas which had escaped in the cellar of the building was ignited in some maner, causing the terrible accident.

Another report, which is probably correct, says a driver of a gasolene wagon was filling a tank in the cellar when the explosion occurred.

Announcement is made that the wages of all engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen and station employes of the Alabama Great Southern have been increased from five to ten per cent., effective December 1. This affects about 1,500 men.

An Unexcelled Statement.

The following is a brief review of the statement, which appears in full on another page of this paper, of the business of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, for the year ending December 31, 1901.

We feel entirely safe in saying that there never was a financial statement presented by any life insurance company in the world which could exceed it, and every policy-holder, after carefully examining the figures, ought to feel proud of being the holder of insurance in a company which can show such wonderful progress.

While the statement speaks for itself we wish to call particular attention to the following items:

Assets over	$74,000,000
Gain of over	$12,000,000
Income over	$38,000,000
Gain of over	$ 4,000,000
Surplus over	$ 9 90,000
Gain of over	$1 1.00,000

Of this increase in surplus of over one million dollars there will be paid to industrial policy-holders during 1902, as a dividend, $600,000 or more than 50 per cent. of the total gain.

New insurance written, over $380,000,000.

This is the largest amount of new insurance ever written by any company in the world.

Policies in force, over 6,000,000.

This is the greatest number of polices in force in any company in America.

Amount of outstanding insurance, over $1,000,000,000.

Number of policy claims paid, over 21,000.

Cash payments to policy-holders or their families, ever $11,000,000.

The Metropolitan has recently opened up an agency headquarters, Masonic Temple, in charge of Mr. Jos. Jacobs. Agents are wanted to carry on the work. This city offers a splendid field for the business and intelligent, industrious men who are seeking profitable and permanent employment, will do well to call on Mr. Jacobs, from whom they will receive a cordial welcome. †

No Man Can Die

Of any form of Fever who uses Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic even half-way right. It is 100 times better than quinine, and does in a day what slow quinine cannot do in ten days. Johnson's Tonic will drive out every trace and taint of Grip Poison from the blood. Write for Agency to A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga. †

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contains more nutrition, more tissue-building qualities, more nerve stimulant than is found in any other food.

A regular diet of **Malta-Vita** for breakfast and supper will remove the cause of insomnia and dyspepsia.

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It gives health, strength, and happiness.

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WE ARE HANDLING ONLY THE BEST GRADE OF MANTLES AND BURNERS.

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Gas Heaters. Prices $1.50 and up. Consolidated Railways L. & P. Co. 1t.

Mechanics Home Associat on opens a new series of Building and Loan stock twice a year (January and July). The 25th series will be opened January 3rd, 1901 Payments 25 cents a share per week. N. Jacobi, President. W. M. Cumming, Secretary. we fr sa dec 10 14t

Grocery Business for Sale—Because unsuited to my taste, I will sell at cost a clean stock of Groceries and transfer lease on one of the best corners in city. Grocer, care STAR. dec 23 tf

Wanted—Position by young man; married; good solicitor; good collector; good salesman; experienced in grocery business. Have tact and ambition. Have knowledge of book-keeping. Could fill clerical railway position. Reference furnished. Address, "Try Me," care the Daily STAR. dec 23 3t

Wanted—Two (2) good reliable men to sell Teas, Coffees, Spices, etc., in Wilmington and vicinity. Apply to W. L. Bissinger, No. 101 N. 6th St., Wilmington, N. C., or address Grand Union Tea Company, No. 3019 Washington Ave., Newport News, Va. dec 23 3t

Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. C. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1901. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

Wanted—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly salary of $ 18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 350 Caxton Bldg, Chicago. dec 2 1m

Call at Winstead's for all kinds of foreign and domestic fruit; Bananas a specialty No. 213 Market and 215 North Front street. Bell Phones 303 and 637. oc 29 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters. Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. H. J. Grunman's headquarters for Wall Paper. J. B. Farrar, No. 8½ North Second street. my 16 tf

Important Notice.

We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

Rhine Wine, Vintage	1898,	per gal.,	$1.00
Port "	1900,	" "	1.00
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Samples FREE at store.
Best Patent Flour, O. B., per barrel $4.50.
Agent for celebrated Golden Irish Shad Netting.
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NORTH CAROLINA STRAWBERRIES.

A delicious treat for the holidays.
Fine dressed Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs.
All kinds of choice Family Groceries.
Cheapest Grocery in the city.

C. O. ALEXANDER.
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FOR RENT,

THAT VERY DESIRABLE residence now occupied by Dr. Burbank, No. 207 South Third street; ten rooms. Apply to

D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent, dec 18 tf

"There is a Best In Everything! In Paint It's Davis'."

Guaranteed 100 Per Cent. Pure.

This is putting it mighty strong, but it is nevertheless true.

Be Wise in Your Economy.

Don't be deceived by the argument that it costs less to paint your building with inferior or adulterated paint, because the paint costs less per gallon.
Sold and guaranteed by

The Coal, Cement and Supply Co.,
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"El Capitan."

High quality 10c Cigar.

"CUBAN BLOSSOM."

No better 5c Cigar.

We guarantee the sale of these goods, so if not sold we take them back. We accept the risk, you get the gain. You are safe on a trade of that kind. If the goods did not have both quality and merit we would not talk so loud. Try them for

XMAS PRESENTS.

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Wanted Raw Furs.

20,000 O'POSSUMS.
10,000 COONS.
5,000 SKUNKS.
3,000 FOXS.
2,000 MINKS.
1,000 OTTERS.

Highest cash prices paid and quotations furnished by applying to

SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS,
Wilmington, N. C.,
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BIDS WANTED.

For 5,000 cubic yards of Granitholine Pavements. Bids will be received up to Monday, January 5th, at 12 o'clock M. For specifications and further information apply to

E. F. JOHNSNN,
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For the Christmas Holidays AND PRESENTS FOR OLD SANTA CLAUS.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store

Can offer you the best selection and the greatest variety of any Store in the State.

In buying your toys we would ask you to compare our prices with other's prices. In dolls, we have the handsomest line we have ever had. Nice jointed dolls, 14 inches long, at 25c each; 15-inch kid dolls at 25c each; kid dolls with hair at 12c each. Very handsome handwork dolls, with natural hair and sewed wigs, jointed, at $1.00, $1.70 and $2.00. With long flowing curly hair and movable eyes, as pretty as a dream, at $2.75 and $3.50 each. For the boys, air rifles, foot balls, games, express wagons, drums and plenty of fireworks of all kinds.

And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as $2.00 and up to $5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at 50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c each.

Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats—We are having a regular Hat sale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular $1.50 hats for 75c and 89c; our $1 hats are $2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at half-price.

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have lots of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors; pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard.

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town. Just received, 31 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts—when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never fail to make a sale.

We have good beaver coats in red, blue, tan and black, at $2.98. A line of black beaver coats in the newest shapes at $3 50; better coats at $5, $6 and up to $10 each.

In furs we are showing a nice assortment and selling them at the lowest prices. If you are thinking of buying a fur, come to see us—the prices run from $1 to $5 each.

Trunks and Valises—These make valuable presents. We have a nice line of very fine Trunks that would be a credit to give your friends. We have a line of the best roller tray Trunks, worth $9 to $15 each. Splendid canvas Trunks, with brass locks and heavy straps, at $3 and up to $5 each. Nice heavy leather Suit Cases for $6.95, regular $10 cases. Club Bags, all leather, from 85c to $4 each; imitation leather, from 29c to 98c; imitation leather Suit Cases for $1.50 each.

In our Men's Clothing Department our sales have been the best we have ever known. In this department we credit our great success to the style, quality and fit of our goods and the last and best feature is, we undersell our competitors. We can fit you in a suit anywhere from $1.98 to $12.50; we would like for you to look at them before you buy elsewhere. Men's Overcoats, we have all grades and kinds, all prices, from $3 to $12 50 each. We also have a line of Rubber Clothing; men's water-proof coats, rubber lined, at $1 50 each; Mackintoshes, with cape, at $1.39 each; Ladies' Gossamers at $3.50 and $3.50 each; a workingman's coat for rainy weather at $1.50 each; a doctor's or sea captain's coat, absolutely water proof, for $5.

We want to impress on your mind that while we handle a big line of toys and holiday goods we also handle a big line of other goods for every purpose and we punch cards and give you presents free. Come and see us.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

dec 14 tf

Cut Prices

All Pattern Hats at Cost.

$25.00	Hats	at	$15.00.
16 00	"	"	10 00.
8.50	"	"	5.00.

Walking and ready to wear Hats that were $1.50, $1.75, $2.50 and $3.00, all at 98 cents.

Three hundred Reffer Jackets from 75c to $1.25. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Men's large Initial Handkerchiefs 10 cents.
Men's all Silk Handkerchiefs 2 for 25 cents.
Men's all Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25 and 50 cents.
Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs 5, 10 and 25 cents.
Large all Silk Mufflers 50 cents to $1.50.
Men's all Linen Handkerchiefs 25 to 50 cents.

We have a few Monte Carlo Coats in Tan, Ecru and Brown at $7.00 to $13.50. A big line of all colors in Coats at $2 50, $3.50, $6.00 to $12.50.

A full line of Skirts and Suits at surprisingly low prices.

If you wish to make crazy Quilts come and buy a 25c bag of Silk Scraps, it will make a quilt.

The Paris Millinery Emporium,

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For Christmas!

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Deposits made on or before January 2nd, 1903, will bear interest from that date.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

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That old puzzling question is up again. Read the answer in my window.

Fresh shipment Wileys' Chocolates and Bon Bons; none nicer.

HARDIN'S
Palace Pharmacy,
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